

OBJECTIVES

The fundamental objective of the Uniform Crime Reporting Program is to produce a reliable set of criminal statistics for use in law enforcement administration, operation, and management. This compiled data is also intended for the use of other professionals and scholars who have an interest in the crime problem. At the same time, this information is a reference source for the general public as an indicator of the crime factor in our society.

The objectives of the Rhode Island Uniform Crime Reporting Program are:

1. Inform the governor, legislature, other governmental officials and the public as to the nature of the crime problem in Rhode Island - its magnitude and its trends.
2. Provide law enforcement administrators with criminal statistics for administrative and operational use.
3. Determine who commits crimes by age, sex, and race, in order to find the proper focus for crime prevention and enforcement.
4. Provide proper base data and statistics to measure the workload and effectiveness of Rhode Island's Criminal Justice System.
5. Provide base data and statistics for research to improve the efficiency, effectiveness and performance of criminal justice agencies.
6. Provide base data and statistics to measure the effects of prevention and deterrence programs.
7. Provide base data to assist in the assessment of social and other causes of crime for the development of theories of criminal behavior.